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The National Network Office and the RMLs chose Region 1 to be the host of the mid-year RML Directors meeting to take place in February. Associate Director Mary Mylenki worked closely with Angela Ruffin in planning the program and logistics for the mid-year meeting.

A. NETWORK PROGRAMS

Network Members

Joanne Jahr, Network Programs Coordinator, traveled to Newburgh, NY, to participate in the annual Hospital Libraries Services Program meeting of the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (November 5.) On January 22 she provided individualized SERHOLD training to two Manhattan-based librarians.

By the end of the year, the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region had signed up 205 public libraries as affiliate members of the Network.

Ms. Jahr responded to 196 telephone calls and nearly the same number of e-mails.

Electronic Document Delivery (EDD) Project

A midpoint progress meeting of the EDD project participants was held at the New York Academy of Medicine on Friday, November 8. EDD data collection forms were e-mailed or faxed from the participants. The forms have been organized into folders with sender and receiver matched for each transaction. Well over 2,000 sheets of paper were transmitted to the RML fax machine over the life of the project. January 31, 2003, officially ended the data collection portion of the EDD project.

DOCLINE/Document Delivery

Ms. Jahr deactivated and reactivated 92 DOCLINE accounts and approved 79 routing tables. These figures indicate that members are responding to encouragement to keep their DOCUSER information and the routing tables up to date.

Communications

The RML and the Academy's Division of Information management hosted the live webcast of "Wired Communities - Putting the E in Public Health," on January 31.

Two issues (September-October and November-December) of the newsletter, *Middle Atlantic Perspective*, were promoted to the web site and announced via the regional listserv.

Twenty-eight messages were posted to the listserv during the quarter.

RML staff took part in all regularly scheduled teleconferences. These included calls on ToxTown and on NLM reporting procedures. Ms. Falls was the convener for the January Outreach/Education teleconference.

Classes Taught

Nov.20-21; R. Allard; Making PubMed work for You, HSLANJ, New Brunswick, NJ. Rhonda presented two sessions to 20 and 22 health sciences librarians respectively. Outreach reporting forms attached as Appendix A.

Jan. 7, 2003; R. Allard; Demo of MEDLINEplus, PubMed and Clinical Trails, at Suffolk County Library Association Meeting, Stony Brook, NY.

Grant Programs

In November Ms. Mylenki traveled to Chicago to serve as a resource person for the review team rating the proposals received in response to NLM's RFP for Access to Electronic Health Information for the Public. The region had received 15 applications. Following the review team's meeting, Ms. Mylenki compiled their reports and sent follow-up questions to the applicants. Final approval is pending.

Regional Advisory Committee

Two members of the RAC served as reviewers for the Access to Electronic Health Information for the Public proposals (see above.)

B. OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Health Professionals

In November Rhonda Allard volunteered to teach the PubMed portion of the class "From Research to Presentation" at the Academy Health Seminars in Health Services Research Methods. RML staff were invited by NICHSR to participate in this program. There were 29 participants in the session.

On January 14, 2003 Ms. Allard presented Making PubMed Work for You for 21 nursing students at the University of Scranton (PA). Outreach reporting form attached as Appendix B.

On January 30, 2003, Rhonda Allard presented a 2-hour CME class for health professionals, NLM Resources & Databases for the Physician, at the JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ. Outreach reporting form attached as Appendix C.

Subcontract: Consumer Health

A subcontract was entered into with the University of Rochester, Miner Health Sciences Library, and the Rochester Regional Library Council, for continuation of programs under the program CLIC-on-Health (Community & Libraries Collaborating on Health.) Reporting will commence with the next quarterly period.

Technology Awareness

Of the 52 Internet Access to Digital Libraries awards announced by NLM, 10 were in the Middle Atlantic Region, six in New York state and four in Pennsylvania.

Exhibits

Staff exhibited at two professional meetings in this quarter.

November 8-13, American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA; P. Falls and R. Allard

January 23-27, American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA; P. Falls and R. Allard. (Exhibit reports are in Appendix D.)

C. STAFF ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION

Vacancies in two positions led to the Consumer Programs Coordinator, Ms. Allard, covering classes and programs which would formerly have been handled by another staff member, resulting in less activity than usual with public health workers and consumers during this quarter.

All RML staff took part in interviews to fill the vacant staff positions of Technology Coordinator and Education Coordinator. Interviews also took place for a vacancy in the NTCC.

Denise O'Shea joined the staff as Technology Coordinator, effective January 6, 2003.

Joan Seidman accepted the position of Education Coordinator and will start work effective February 3, 2003.

Meetings/Classes Attended

M. Mylenki attended the workshop “Focus Group Interviewing: A Qualitative Research Methodology for the Library Workshop.” This was hosted by Region 5 in Houston and taught by Beryl Glitz and Claire Hamasu.

J. Jahr attended a CE course entitled “Communication Skills.”